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HONGKONG TUESDAY, NOV. 6, 1923.

THE THEATRE.

James Elroy Flecker's "Hassan" has been produced in London and is the event of a theatrical season noted for the number of its failures; and an event in the annals of the Theatre, of not merely England and the Continent, but wherever the art of the playwright and the actor is held in good countenance.

It is possible to think of the Theatre in its twin sense—as a mere instrument of commercialism making money for those who have ventured their possessions in its fortunes, or as a vehicle for the expression of artistic impulses, both in the dramatic and the lighter spheres of comedy. In both respects it cannot be dissociated from the life of the people in whose lives it necessarily plays such a large part. That is looking at the matter from the distance measured by the miles which separate Hongkong from the metropolis and those other centres, Continental and American, where the art of the Theatre is taken seriously; where its exponents in the realm of writers, and actors, are also taken seriously, and their work minutely criticised and analysed at the hands of those of whom it may be said that they know that of which they pretend to speak.

In Hongkong it is difficult to set the same standards both of conception of the work of the Theatre and those who seek to portray for us what they probably more highly placed and favoured colleagues are able to do in happier circumstances. We take what is given to us, and it is either "good," "not so bad," or "rotten," according to our own individual ideas, such as they may

be and founded more often than not on thought that takes very little into account. Our Amateur Dramatic Club performs a meritorious service in, from time to time, producing for us those plays which it thinks are likely to make their own attractive appeal, and on rarer occasions, plays which may be classed as modern, which require high ideals of Art in their production, and a vast amount of faith and confidence, which let it be said with all praise has not been lacking. Hongkong in the past has been fortunate beyond its wildest dreams, if it has ever had any, and just deserts, in possessing one of high artistic ideals with the ability to carry them to fruition. Whether such efforts have been duly appreciated at their true worth or not it is not the purpose of this article to debate; the least we can do is to state simple facts as they are known to us. It is obvious that the A.D.C. has in its power to make the art of the Theatre a real, vital and living thing; to make its message, for the Theatre has a message, one of clarion-like sound. It might do infinitely more than it is doing but until our Amateurs become supermen, until the gods favour them beyond others in endowing them with time and circumstances—for they have more material things to think of, in which to foster the art, we must assume they are interested in, we must rest content with what they have done and may it please us all, are doing. If those in high places who by reason of their education, upbringing, and the manifold opportunities they have had, place no more value in the work of visiting theatrical companies than is expressed by their continual absence from the theatre, it may be some what forward to expect others to fill the gap and supply the much needed flip of enthusiasm and support which should help to encourage

those who may be interested chiefly on its commercial side, to send us the best plays and the reasonably best players. Hongkong has had opportunities of applauding the literary effort of John Galsworthy in his "Windows." Galsworthy is not a vague, not a juggler of words, but a serious artist who has contributed to the enjoyment of thousands the world over; who has contributed his quota to the solution of social problems, and earned for himself a name of high honour in the profession which he so luminously adorns. His eyesight is not good, but it is good enough to notice when a theatre is half-empty; when it lacks the presence of those who would probably feel insulted not to be classed among the enlightened, and it has been our deplorable lot not merely on a Galsworthy night, but on others, to note the abstinence which marks an indifference where the opposite should be the case. Our Theatre is so little used, that when a thing which is unquestionably good comes along, it should receive the same detailed attention to which we give the commonest of the social engagements which occupy, and so often let it be admitted, waste so much of our time. Flecker in his introduction to his superb "The Golden Journey To Samarkand," speaking of the Poet says: "It is not the poet's business to save man's soul but to make it worth saving." We should like to apply this truth and adopt it when speaking of the Theatre.

A Week-End.

We are so far removed from the things that are happening, and they seem, on the surface to affect us so little, that we are thereby inclined to give them no more than the passing thought occasioned by seeing them recorded in our papers, and to regard them as nothing more than items of news worth no more than the placid attention we give to them. The past week, and particularly the week-end has been prolific of items of happenings—mostly let it be admitted in the realm of words, that should give us all cause to think and to ponder whether we are drifting. The question of the status of Indians so ably discussed by our Dominion Premier was not the least of the important matters on which the best minds of the nation were, and likely to be, focussed for days to come. Then there is the question of Protection introduced by the British Premier and likely to be the subject of the next General Election. The last effort at Tariff Reform it will be remembered was the cause of wrecking the then great Conservative Party, and though it may not have been the means of introducing the Labour Party to Imperial politics, the entry of that party to a share in the deliberations of the House of Commons, dated from that time or very shortly afterwards. Whether the Labour Party sides with those at present in power in their protectionist propaganda; whether such propaganda will again be the means of sending a great political power once more into the wilderness, remains to be seen. For the ways of politics and politicians are often beyond reason. As a little-known writer puts it:—

Politics fill me with doubt and
dizziness.
Altogether they puzzle me
quite;
They all seem wrong and they
all seem right.

Reparations and the Ruhr have again engaged the French Premier in a Sunday War-memorial unavailing speech. It must be the better the day the worse the speech—the worse that, is in prostituting a moment that should be devoted to the memory of courage, self-sacrifice and bravery, to the vilification of the living, in a more or less successful attempt to fan and keep alive the fires of hate, and misunderstanding. If the present condition of Germany is any criterion we may assume that the continued and remorseless efforts are indeed successful.

The Naval Review in honour of the Dominion Premier is not without some significance. A tranquil Government does not necessarily mean a "tranquil" navy—that is a naval force not at full strength and equipment, ready if needs be to demonstrate that the old spirit is not dead; but ready to be displayed when occasion rightly demands it.

It is a far cry from that to a police strike in, of all cities, Melbourne, but a strike which can arouse such passions, and cause so much damage and loss of prestige must make us sit up and consider. Chinese bandits, shooting outrages, robbers, pirates—all these things interest

vastly out here, make us hyper- and super-critical of those directing the forces of law and order. Do we think of how such a strike as the Melbourne one must give our near neighbours something to chuckle over? The ape and the tiger! Not far removed from man. Scratch the latter and more often than not you produce the former. On the whole a very interesting week-end. Let us hope for the best. Better still let us work for the best.

Dr. Sun's War-Chest.

When Dr. Sun Yat-sen returned to power in Canton early this year, large sums were needed for the upkeep of his military and civilian followers. In order to raise the needed funds, he sanctioned the nationalization of all Cantonese temples and allied institutions, according to *Reuter's* correspondent. It was found impossible for the police and municipal authorities to ascertain and report on all properties available for nationalization. In consequence a commission, varying between eight and twenty per cent. of the proceeds from sales, was offered to informers. These gentlemen do not appear to have been over scrupulous when furnishing their reports. Consequently many property owners have been put to unnecessary trouble and expense in proving their titles to their property. According to police reports, in Canton alone 27 monasteries, 105 convents and 706 temples have come under the ban of military confiscation, though the Civil Governor, in a few cases, has prevented their sale. The present régime, it is stated, does not recognize deeds granted by previous republican administrations. Only titles certified by officials of the Tsing Dynasty are accepted as evidence of legal ownership. Temples and other public institutions, granted by republican officials during the last twelve years to further education, are being confiscated. Many families in the Wongsha, Pakzeikino, Lungmeitao and other precincts of the city of Canton, face eviction unless they can produce deeds, issued under the régime of the Manchus, to prove ownership. Failing this, it is stated that the holdings will be confiscated and offered for sale, the owners generously being given the preference of paying the price at which their property is assessed by Dr. Sun's military property snatchers. In face of such bare-faced squeeze, it is not surprising that Dr. Sun's popularity is on the wane.

Weird ad. in a paper—
WEIRD. "For Sale, two sets of Kilt, fit girl, 12, by 10.
J. Dash, Stephen-st.
What size is a girl 12 by 10?"

The greatest disappointment
FACT, ment a woman can suffer
is to look in her husband's
bureau drawer for letters from other
women and find the ones she wrote
him before marriage.

Mr. G. Bernard
IMPARTIAL. Shaw is responsible
for the story of a
Cork voter at the late General Election who, having evidently suffered
disillusions in politics, marked his
voting paper "To hell with the
whole lot."

Guy Fawkes tried to
blow up Parliament.
He didn't succeed, so
they executed him.

When Charles I. met Nell
Gwynne, he lost his head.
Henry VIII. was very short-
sighted. He didn't recognise the
Pope.

Alfred the Great originated the
navy. He built wooden ships, but
he didn't lose any money on them.

The award of a Badge
SCOTTS. The awards of a Badge
of Thanks will be new
to those who have
hitherto imagined they knew all
about the Boy Scouts organization.
Under what circumstances one is
likely to need the services of a Boy
Scout and how one is disgraced
without the familiar clothes, is a
matter of interesting thinking. And
has a Boy Scout been produced who
has been known to do his "good
turn" each day?

This may be said to be
GOLF. the weather for knocking
things about. Golf,
cricket, and tennis come into their
own and help to make life worth
living. Whilst nothing has been
done towards evolving another recreation,
we hear there is a possibility
of a golf club being formed on inter-
national lines—a club to which each
section of the community should be
attracted. Doubtless if the scheme
matures, it will attract a large number
who for the time being have no
opportunity to exercise their prowess
in the royal and ancient game.

If Americans read
the books of Mr.
H. L. Menckel, one
of their own, these are most things
Hard is what he says concerning

them in his "Prejudices" (third
volume) recently published:—

"The most timorous, snivelling, poltroonish, ignominious mob of scurvy and goose-steppers ever gathered under one flag in Christendom since the end of the Middle Ages," and as growing "more timorous, more snivelling, more poltroonish, more ignominious every day."

One hears much to-day
concerning what the
LEAGUE. League of Nations has
accomplished and what it cannot.

There has been some
DEATH. discussion up north on
the manner in which
certain people celebrated their
escape from death in the Japanese
earthquake. Some prayed and sang
hymns, whilst others had a magnum
or two of champagne. It may be
worth considering what a person
would do in the event of escaping a
calamity likely to be fatal. The
other day two of Hongkong's well-
known residents were in the region
of a certain place, when, crack, with
the precision and report of a well-
directed pistol, a flower-pot crashed
to terra-cotta from the verandah
above. Had it hit either or both of
the two well-known ones, there
would have been a ruid on the
flower-stalls the next morning.
Report does not state how they celebrated
their deliverance; but it only
proves that greater care should be
exercised by those who delight to
beautify their verandahs with palms
in heavy porcelain pots which are
likely during a heavy wind, or
through the carelessness of a servant,
to topple off onto some poor
unoffending pedestrian's head.
There should be a rule that such
things should be securely fastened
in iron frames and thus obviate the
danger there is—the pots, not the
heads.

A story about the
From A late General Booth
New Book. is told by Mr.
E. H. D. Sewell in
The Log of a Sportsman:—
"The smartest thing I ever heard
of the dear old General say was a retort
upon a critic who expressed astonish-
ment that the Salvation Army
accepted money from a bookmaker
(Mr. Herring). 'I call it nonsense,'
he said, 'to talk of dirty money. I
clean it by the good use I make of
it. If Mr. Herring, who makes his
money by betting, likes to give me
some of his winnings, I will spend
it on giving some of his victims
another chance to be honest men.'"

A story of a luncheon party at the
National Liberal Club:—
"One day Gipsy Smith was lunch-
ing at the National Liberal Club
with a little group of friends, and
was telling us some of his remarkable
experiences at some mission he
had been conducting in the Mid-
lands. The late Rev. Thomas Law,
the secretary of the National Free
Church Council, was one of the
party. So was Sir Henry Holford,
a veteran who is forgiven many
liberties, was serving at our table.
On his way to the kitchen he passed
another waiter, and in a far-travelling
whisper remarked, 'I've got a
blooming Bible class at my table.'"

The following letter
KHAYYAM. is going the rounds of
the London papers.

Sir,—I wonder whether any of
your other readers can tell me
what the Persian word "Khay-
yam" means? Though the Omar
carve waxes and waxes, now tak-
ing the form of satin-bound, elab-
orately chiselled first editions,
now of theatrical productions,
doubtless, too, we shall soon see
some enterprising film producer
seizing on the poem's innate
drama and wealth of imagery for
transference to the screen—yet a
singular ignorance seems to pre-
vail concerning the actual mean-
ing of the name.

Some have told me it means
"wanderer," but my documents
show that I have been able so far to con-
sult in the British Museum indi-
cate that it signifies "a maker of
tents." It is suggested that the
Philosopher's father carried on
this trade, and the name was
derived in much the same way as
our modern Smiths, Walkers,
Carpenters, Coopers, and so forth.
If this is so Omar Khayyam
would mean "Omar the Tent-
maker," but I should be very glad
of any information or refutation
of this from such of your readers
who may have been in Persia or
made the poem's subject of in-
imate study.

In the absence of the man who sold
us our Persian kitten, perhaps a
reader can give the desired infor-
mation. There is a film adaptation of
Omar, but we have yet to see it.

The proverbs of a
NATIONAL Nation are not only
PROVERBS. an epitome of its
wisdom, but crystal-
lized for us much of its national tem-
perament and popular habits of
thought. Nowhere, perhaps, can
what are regarded as the national
traits be so compactly presented as
in these saws and proverbs. Here are
a few, culled haphazard from various
sources, which may prove interest-
ing. We hope to give examples
from day to day, making comment
where such may be deemed neces-
sary or likely to prove of interest.

From Belgium:—Life is a spoon-
ful of sour and a spoonful of sweet.
The birds which sing too early in
the morning get caught by the cat.
Boldly spoken is half conquered.
What is said in a drunken state
has been thought out beforehand.
From Holland:—
Sickness comes on horseback and
departs on foot.
In prosperity think of adversity.
God helps the strongest.
Geese are plucked as long as the
feathers last.
Handsome apples are often sour.
From Serbia:—
It is hard to feed the satiated, and
to make a present to the rich.
The wind blows strongest just
before it drops.
Bargain like a gipsy and pay
like a gentleman.
Weigh your words, do not count
them.
He who says what he likes must
often hear what he does not like.
The tongue hurts more than the
sword.

To-day's Poems.

(T's Fortune.)

Tumble me down, and I will sit
Upon my ruins, smiling yet;
Tear me to tatters, yet I'll be
Patient in my necessity;
Laugh at my scraps of cloths, and
shun
Me as a feared infection;
Yet, scarerow like, I'll walk, as one
Neglecting thy derision.
—R. HERRICK.

(G. C. H.)

The dusted sky above the shipping
fades
And, on Night's creeping stillness,
grows
The noises of the city's life below.
The clatters of a thousand trades,
Blare to the moon the feast-flute and
the gong,
The pandemonium of greeted guests
In gilded restaurants where Money
rests
To listen to a purchased song.

Love holds his court along that
street
Whose lamps blaze out to burn the
sky
Or, is it but Love's travesty
That never quite achieves deceit?
—TIMON.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

NOVEMBER 6.

1886. Precincts, Canterbury. A
wild wet wind is whirling
hither and thither all the
yellow leaves of the limes,
and we can see the great
Church from end to end
through the "ruined choir."
—M. S. Holland.

ORIGINALITY.

Originality is a thing we constan-
tly clamour for, and constantly
quarrel with; as if any originality
but our own could be expected to
content us! In fact, all strange
things are apt, without fault of
theirs, to estrange us at first view;
unhappily scarcely anything is per-
fectly plain, but what is also per-
fectly common. The current coin
of the realm passes into all hands;
and be it gold, silver, or copper, is
acceptable and of known value; but
with new ingots, with foreign bars,
and medals of Corinthian brass, the
case is widely different.
—CARLYLE.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

November 6.—Coronet Theatre:
Lon Chaney in "All The Brothers
Were Valiant."
November 6.—Star Theatre:
Catherine Calvert in "A Marriage
of Convenience."
November 6.—World Theatre:
Herbert Rawlinson in "Fools and
Riches."
November 6.—The Grand Theatre:
Elaine Hammerstein in "The
Accidental Honeymoon." 9.15 p.m.
November 6.—Theatre Royal:
Forbes Russell Comedy Co.
Seems, 9.15 p.m.

November 7.—Coronet Theatre:
Nazimova in "Salome."
November 7.—Theatre Royal:
Forbes Russell Comedy Co.
"Paddy The Next Best Thing,"
9.15 p.m.

November 8.—Theatre Royal:
Forbes Russell Comedy Co.
"Windows," 9.15 p.m.

November 9.—Theatre Royal:
Forbes Russell Comedy Co.
"All of a Sudden Peggy," 9.15 p.m.

November 10.—Theatre Royal:
Forbes Russell Comedy Co.
"Bought and Paid For," 9.15 p.m.

November 10.12.—Hongkong
Jockey Club's next Gymkhana.

November 12.—First Tourna-
ment of the Hongkong Boxing
Assocn. at the Theatre Royal,
9.12 p.m.

November 15.—Palace Hotel
handicap billiards tournament com-
mences.

OTHER MEETINGS.
November 8.—Hongkong Horti-
cultural Society, annual meeting,
Stewart Bros. Office, 5.15 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A meeting of the Education
Board is to be held to-morrow at
3 p.m.

The total output of the Kallan
Mining Administration's mines for
the week ending 20th October,
1923, amounted to 71,113 tons and
the sales during the period to
103,916 tons.

There will be a Tea-dance at
the Helena May Institute on
Thursday November 8th, at 5.30
p.m. for Members and their friends.
Tickets \$1 each, may be obtained
on application to the Secretary.—
Advt.

A ferry service connecting
Hongkong, Ching I Island and
Chun Wan, is announced in the
vernacular press. Launches will
leave four times a day, those at
Hongkong going alongside the
Wimber Street Wharf.

Alleged to have fired the shot
at the wife of the Canton Finance
Commissioner on the Steamboat
Co.'s wharf on the arrival of the
s.s. "Kinsan" on Saturday night,
the Chinese youth who was caught
on the Praya was charged with
murder this morning and remand-
ed in police custody.

In connection with "Poppy
Day," the following cable has been
sent to Hongkong by Earl Haig's
Appeal:—"Unemployment caus-
ing severe distress amongst ex-
Service men. Your splendid efforts
of last year encourages us to
redouble our efforts. Best wishes
for success this year."

Complaints have been address-
ed to the China Mail by residents to
the effect that Chinese claiming to
be employees of the Hongkong
Electric Co., have gone into houses
and offered various electrical
accessories for sale, stating that
there were certain defects
which unless remedied would
lead to constant danger and,
hence, the disconnection of the
services. It is also stated
that meters have been taken away
without notifying the customer. To
these readers we would remind
them that all the company's work-
ers have badges or possess written
authority and that in case of sus-
picion, they can apply to the office.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. W. M. Pittendrigh and Mr.
and Mrs. W. Schofield were passen-
gers on the outgoing "Telcelas."

Mr. D. S. Gubbay, Mr. and Mrs.
H. S. Rouse, and Mr. and Mrs. E.
Bunji were passengers on the out-
going "President Grant."

Sir Claud and Lady Severn, Mr.
R. E. O. Bird, Mr. F. S. Harrison,
Mme. Negre, Mr. and Mrs. E. E.
Potter, Mr. H. C. Strubbs, Miss
V. Capell and Mr. A. H. Carroll
were passengers on the incoming
"Empress of Canada."

A dinner was held at Govern-
ment House last night in honour of
Admiral Thomas Washington, the
new Commander-in-chief of the
U. S. Asiatic Fleet. The following
were the guests: Admiral and Mrs.
Washington; Miss Fuller; Captain
E. B. Fenner, U.S.N., Chief of Staff;
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Flag Captain; Lieut. Col. E. B.
Miller, U.S. Marine Corps; Lt.
Commander H. H. Crosby, U.S.N.,
Flag Secretary; Lieut. R. H. Gray,
son of Flag Lieutenant; Sir William
and Lady Rees Davies; Com-
modore and Mrs. Grace; Colonel
and Mrs. Blake, Hon. Mr. and
Mrs. Kemp, Hon. Mr. C. McI.
Messer, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. E. R.
Hallifax, Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy,
Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, Hon.
Mr. and Mrs. Holyoak, Mr. and Mrs.
Holt Gale, Captain Hopwood, R.
N., Commander and Mrs. Beckwith,
Commander and Mrs. Richardson,
Lieut. Col. Nicholson, Lt. Com-
mander Worthington, Lieut. Moore,
Supporting: His Excellency, the
Governor, were Hon. Mr. A. G. M.
Fletcher and Captain E. C. Cross,
A.D.C. Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen
was unable to attend owing to
illness.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS, BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durrban & Capetown.

TAJIMA MARUFriday, 30th Nov.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

ANDROS MARUTuesday, 20th Nov.

ARGON MARUWednesday, 21st Dec.

SAIGON, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK.

KISHU MARUSunday, 2nd December.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Bangkok.

INDU MARUThursday, 15th Nov.

VICTORIA, SHANTUNG, TAIWAN & YAMAGUCHI—Via Shanghai and Japan.

ALABAMA MARUWednesday, 21st Nov.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

JAPAN PORTS—Mol, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama and Nagoya.

BURMA MARUThursday, 15th Nov.

ALPS MARUFriday, 16th Nov.

KELUNG, SINGAPORE & AMOY.

AMAKU-A MARUSunday, 11th Nov. at 10 a.m.

TAJIMA MARUSunday, 18th Nov. at 10 a.m.

TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.

KISHU MARUFriday, 16th Nov.

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BOXING.

CONCLUSION OF KING'S
TOURNAMENT.

(By Argus.)

At Murray Barracks, this morning, the farewell boxing tournament of the 2nd Batt. King's Regiment was brought to a close by the decision of the remaining four bouts and the presentation of the belts and cups by Colonel W. A. Blake C.M.G. D.S.O., Commanding Officer.

Before handing the prizes to the winners, Colonel Blake congratulated Capt. Howard and the regimental boxing committee on the able manner in which they had managed the tournament. He thanked the referees, Major White, D.S.O., R.A.S.C., and Lieut. T. A. Scott-Bell, R.N.; the judges, Dr. Minnett, Mr. G. N. Tinson, Lieut. A. Walsh D.C.M., R.G.A. and Midshipman Palmer, R.N., for their services throughout the competition. To the Hongkong Boxing Association, for the use of the ring, the speaker said a deep debt of gratitude was due. Above all, he expressed his gratitude and praise to the competitors for the good sportsmanship and keen spirit of emulation shown. He laid emphasis on the fact that the competition had produced the cleanest fighting he had ever witnessed and a display of good comradeship that it would be difficult to equal. He looked upon boxing as the finest sport in the British Army and must congratulate C. Company on the exceptionally good record they had made. He dwelt on the fact that 25 per cent. of the battalion took an active part in boxing and expressed pride at the battalion's record. In conclusion, Colonel Blake expressed confidence that when the 2nd Battalion King's reached India, they would soon prove what excellent boxers they were.

Three cheers for Colonel Blake, called for by Captain Howard, were heartily given at the conclusion of the presentation of prizes. To-day's results follow:

FINAL REGMT. WELTERS.

In the above contest, Private Orr and Private Scott met. Both were on the aggressive from the start, the exchanges being very even. In the second round, Scott adopted rushing tactics, running into a straight left and opening an old wound on his forehead. Another even round. In the final round, Scott continued to attack, but soon tired and Orr followed suit. Scott got the decision.

FINAL REGIMENTAL BANTAMS.
Smith and Thompson both showed anxiety to get to close quarters, and there was a good deal of clinching in the opening round. The second essay opened quietly, but was more lively towards the end, being slightly in favour of Smith. In the third round, both got home frequently to the face, Smith showing superiority towards the end and being declared the winner.

GARRISON LT. WEIGHTS.

In the final of the open Garrison light-weight competition, Private Flynn of the King's met Able-Seaman Hines of H.M.S. "Diomedé." The first round was all in favour of the soldier, who frequently got home to the face. The second round was very fast and slightly in favour of the sailor. The third round resulted in more heavy exchanges in which Flynn maintained sufficient superiority to gain the verdict.

FINAL GARRISON MIDDLES.

The encounter between C. P. O. Young of H.M.S. "Diomedé" and Lance-Corporal Drennan of the King's for the middle-weight championship of the garrison was a hard-hitting affair. The first round was fairly even. In the second, few blows got home, the soldier using his feet to good effect. In the third round, Drennan rushed this man and got right and left to the face. Young fought back with blows to the body and face. Towards the finish, Young administered a good deal of body punishment, and gained the verdict.

MONDAY'S
SAVINGS
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SINGERS

OUR LOCAL POETS.

THE SAINTS.

The Saints are those who passed
this way,
And left some thought behind:
To ease our lives as day by day,
For daily bread we grind.

JOHN KYOTO.

A LEGEND.

In fairy-bubbles sent from dream-land
A simple legend came to us,
And now my listeners I'll repeat
This love-tale winsome, sweet.

Two mate-souls, Salami and Zulu-
muth
By Paracue, Goddess of the fates,
Were destined here on earth to live
And follow love's dictates.

But they thought it wise to separate,
And would not lowly confide
To each other's transient heart,
Until at last they died.

And their souls went straight to
heaven
But the Gods put them apart.
With sky-ripples all between them
In that land without a chart.

And from then they were unhappy
Though each other they could see,
For they could not get together
To taste love's felicity.

Yes, it was hard for them to bear
This eternal solitude,
But love would gain her own way
When all her force recruit.

For she helped them build a start-
bridge
Across the speckled sky,
And since then they were so happy
Without a trammelled sigh.

But let all these serve a warning
For our lovers of to-day,
For that bridge is just the star-
group
We call the 'Milky-way.'

—H. M. SILVA.

6th November, 1923.

BULLET PROOF VEST.

SUCCESSFUL TEST AT
VOLUNTEER RANGE.

At Volunteer Headquarters, at noon to-day, Mr. Edward B. Waite, For Eastern Representative of the Bullet Proof Vest Corporation of New York and San Francisco, gave convincing proofs of the efficacy of the bullet proof vest to prevent penetration from shots fired by 38 and .45 automatic revolvers.

The demonstration took place before Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, officers of all grades, including representatives from the Chinese and Indian contingents.

As it was essential that a living target should be experimented upon, the vest was fitted onto the body of a sheep, which was tied up (blind folded) three feet from the man, who fired the shots. In case the vest should fail to stop the bullets, men with revolvers stood in readiness to despatch the animal if required. As a matter of fact, the vest proved conclusively that it is impervious to steel-jacketed bullets from 38 and .45 revolvers. From the tests given this morning, Mr. Waite's claim was fully substantiated that it will stop any bullet fired from an American pattern revolver.

Mr. Wolfe told a *China Mail* representative that he was completely satisfied with the tests and that the new vests will be purchased by his department for use in raids. The vests, which are made out of thin plates of steel, which overlap in the form of the human ribs, offer complete protection to the vital parts of the body and should prove invaluable to our local police. Mr. Waite has already booked orders to supply the British, French and Chinese police forces in Tientsin, the International and French Municipal Police in Shanghai, while China's few railway guards are almost certain to adopt them. The vests would also be a most useful addition to the equipment of ships' officers and guards, on vessels in the coastal trade.

SHANGHAI RACES.

ABBEYFIELD FIRST HOME
IN LEGER.

The Shanghai Autumn race meeting opened yesterday. The St. Leger fell to Abbeyfield with the owner up, the Champions favourite Cock of the North (Mr. Hill) qualified by winning the Autumn Cup and Shenkland annexed the Criterion Stakes. By courtesy of the Hongkong Club we are enabled to publish the results of THE ROYAL NAVY CUP AND SUB-GRIFFINS STAKES—Three quarters of a mile. Messrs. Stitt and Stephen's Cock Gaultois (Mr. Hill) 1 Mr. Mur-Hul's Uncle Sammy (Mr. Knoll) 2 Mr. R. J. Patterson's Reelo (Mr. Heard) 3 Time: 1 min. 36 2/5 secs.

THE MALOO PLATE.—Half mile.

Mr. C. R. Burkill's The King (Mr. Brand) 1* Mr. Henry Morris's Wythesfield (Mr. Heard) 1* Mr. Liddell's Woodcroft (Mr. Liddell) 3

*Dead heat.

Time: 57 3/5 secs.

THE CRITERION STAKES.—One mile.

Mr. Day's Shenkland (Mr. A. Dallas) 1 Messrs. Arnold and H. Sassoon's Roman Republic (Mr. Hill) 2 Mr. Campos' Old Bill (Mr. Bremner) 3

Time: 2 mins. 07 secs.

THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. M. M. Sokoloff's Ataman (Mr. Sokoloff) 1 Mr. Henry Morris's Drakesfield (Mr. Morris) 2 Messrs. Logan and Wilson's St. George (Mr. Brand) 3

Time: 1 min. 30 1/5 secs.

THE FAH WAH STAKES.—One mile and a half.

Mr. We Two's Young Bill (Mr. Knoll) 1 Messrs. Day and Toeg's Columbia (Mr. A. Dallas) 2 Mr. Harry White's King's Cross (Mr. Patterson) 3

Time: 3 mins. 13 1/5 secs.

THE SHANGHAI ST. LEGER.—One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. Henry Morris's Abbeyfield (Mr. Morris) 1 Mr. Henry Morris's Drakesfield (Mr. Heard) 2 Messrs. Potts and Hayman's Harvest King (Mr. Hill) 3

Time: 3 mins. 43 2/5 secs.

THE ECLIPSE STAKES.—ONE mile and a quarter.

Mr. Allan's Washington (Mr. Knoll) 1 Mr. Day's Woodland (Mr. A. Dallas) 2 Mr. M. M. Sokoloff's Ataman (Mr. Sokoloff) 3

Time: 2 mins. 45 2/5 secs.

THE AUTUMN CUP.—One mile and a quarter.

Messrs. Stitt and Stephen's Cock of the North (Mr. Hill) 1 Mr. Nugget's Thomas A. Beckett (Mr. Brand) 2 Mr. Durgor's Kashmir (Mr. Burkill) 3

Time: 2 mins. 38 4/5 secs.

THE WHANGPOO STAKE.—One mile and half.

Messrs. Stitt and Stephen's Kupa (Mr. Burkill) 1 Mr. Liddell's Seacroft (Mr. Liddell) 2 Mr. W. Dayton's Day of Surprise (Mr. Bremner) 3

Time: 3 mins. 17 2/5 secs.

THE KALGAN PLATE.—One mile.

Mr. Jane's Sunny Jim (Mr. Hill) 1 Messrs. A. B. and J. Rosenfeld's San Leandro (Mr. Patterson) 2 Mr. Elkayem's Dunmore (Mr. Bremner) 3

Time: 2 mins 13 4/5 secs.

PEKING PARLIAMENT.

EFFORT MADE TO OUST
SPEAKER.

PEKING, November 5.

Tremendous local interest was centred this afternoon in the first extraordinary meeting of Parliament when the main question on the Agenda was a vote for the nomination of Sun Pao-chi for Premier. Lurid proceedings were expected as it was known that a group of Wu Ching-lien's opponents intended firstly to bring up the question of his right to retain the Speakership.

The meeting opened at three o'clock, Wu Ching-lien not being present. The leader of the opposition took the floor and contended that Wu Ching-lien's term had ended and that it was necessary to appoint a new Speaker. He then formally nominated Ku Chin-jai, the oldest member, as Speaker. A second strongly supported the view that Wu Ching-lien was unqualified and a vote was about to be taken when Wu Ching-lien, accompanied by a bodyguard, entered the House and immediately proceeded toward the chair, but he was stopped and attempted to push his way. A scuffle ensued, during which the majority of the members left the House. Wu Ching-lien following. The meeting thus came to an end.

MUSIC AND LAUGHTER.

EXPERIENCES OF MR.
HAROLD SAMUEL.

My first public appearance of any kind (says Mr. Harold Samuel in "Music and Letters") was marked by an exhibition of manners on my part of a most distressing description. I was about twelve years of age, and was put down on the programme of a concert given by a local cricket club as playing a Prelude and Fugue by Bach; this was most successful, largely due, I think, to my acumen (developed beyond my years) in changing the item to the "Moto Perpetuo" of Weber, as being more suited to the taste of the audience. After my "triumph" I was told off for the rest of the evening to play accompaniments, and the tragedy came when a solemn and portly gentleman with a walrus moustache, resplendent in white waistcoat with gloves to match, handed me a copy of his song to play for him. Expecting a big bass voice, judging (in my inexperience) by his size, I was amazed and horrified to hear a light soprano voice issue forth from that capacious "chest." It was too much for me! Oblivious of all the canons of platform behaviour, I stopped playing, and shrieked aloud with joyous laughter, till the tears rolled down my cheeks, and I was indignantly led off that platform, to be met in the green-room by my justly incensed parent.

Perhaps it was retributive justice that was at the back of an experience of nine many years later, when I was playing down in the East-End of London before, perhaps, the most unruly audience I have ever faced. I came on to the platform in the midst of an absolute pandemonium, and seated myself at the piano, wondering whether any of the fortissimos in the piece would be likely to disturb the conversation, when I detected the sound of a muffled bell, or something of that kind, behind me, and, turning round, saw a gentleman, whom I did not know, making violent movements with the aforesaid bell and shouting "Silence!" Not a soul took the slightest notice, so he rang the bell again, ejaculating even more forcibly "Silence!" and allowing his steely eyes to rove over the entire audience, following it up with the ominous remark: "Yer know I only rings my bell three times!" at which there was a silence all the more marked by contrast with the din that had preceded it. Then he delivered himself as follows: "I have asked my friend, Mr. Harold Samuel, to come 'ere to-night, and he's kindly consented to play the pianerfort; the name of the piece he's playing is—is (after several mighty efforts) Breeelood by Backmanoff—and I must kindly ask you not to laugh during the performance."

KISSES FOR RECRUITS.

HOW GORDON HIGHLANDERS WERE CREATED.

At the opening of the Gordon Highlanders' Memorial Club at Aberdeen, General Sir Ian Hamilton said:

"The Gordon Highlanders are members of a chosen band which has in all the world no peer. Since the ancient heroes of Homer used to claim descent from the immortal gods there has been no legend, heraldic, fabulous or otherwise, which can compete against the authentic, certified, historical fact that we were created by the innocent kisses of the loveliest woman in bonnie Scotland, Jean Daiches of Gordon."

She rode the country fairs in Highland bonnet and regimental jacket, and scores who would else have spurned the King's shilling received it with rapture from her lips.

Colonel Buchanan was commanding the depot at the very beginning of the war, and he has told me how a number of old warrant officers and N.C.O.'s tramped up of their own accord to lend a hand, most of the depot N.C.O.'s having gone with the 1st Battalion. "These men had left good jobs and were over military age. At the times they had no hope of drawing any pay although as a matter of fact that was put right later on. What the depot would have done without them is hard to imagine."

Later on there came another response when a large number of Gordons who had finished their colour service and their reserve service, came along and enlisted in the new Army.

"They understood that Scotland was in danger and they rallied to the old regiment."

Let me end by saying that we here assembled have endeavoured, are endeavouring, and will continue to endeavour, to maintain the traditions of the old regiment. At the conclusion of Mr. Doves' vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Doves.

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THE LAUGHING LADY.

ENJOYABLE THEATRE
EVENT.

Thanks to the Forbes-Russell Co., Hongkong had the opportunity afforded it last night of witnessing Alfred Sutro's "The Laughing Lady." Whether it availed itself as it should of the opportunity of witnessing one of the most modern of plays, is very much open to question. However, those who attended had an exceptionally good time and the privilege of seeing the workings of a playwright's mind in fashioning an up-to-date play. First and foremost, "The Laughing Lady," appeals by reason of its construction. There is not one weak spot in a play, by an author who knows all the ropes, and can be depended upon to supply "curtains," rich feasts of dialogue, and a problem that to say the least is fascinating. Whether such an incident as Alfred Sutro unfolds for us would happen in ordinary life, may be open to question, but he has submitted a problem in love and ethics which makes for serious thought. Each part in the play has obviously been well thought out, and demands the best that those concerned are able to give. Having in mind that the Forbes-Russell Company is first of all a repertory company in which its members are called upon to perform all kinds of differing characters, last night's performance must be ranked very high indeed. Miss Edith Sass as Cynthia first of all appealed to the imagination by reason of the fact that to her fell some very pungent and biting lines, and this accomplished lady made the most of her opportunities. But there were others and we must not fail to note the consistent portrayals given by G. Groves Baines, Constance Medwyn, Billie Sinclair, Guy Buckley, Beresford Lovett and Helen Gesse. In the characters round which the play centres—a brilliant K.C., and a much maligned divorcee, Mr. Frederick Butwell and Miss Niqua Lewis covered themselves with honour. The characters are diversified, but each played with creditable restraint and made convincing what in less experienced hands might well have been the reverse. To-night the Company present "Secrets," and it is in this play that Miss Niqua Lewis has great opportunities of proving herself to be an actress a little beyond the ordinary.

LECTURE.

FORGERY DISCUSSED BY
MR. DOVEY.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp K.C., C.B.E., presided at the Helena May Institute last evening, when Mr. E. R. Dovey gave a lecture on forgery.

The lecturer remarked that forgery was no new thing and even the stones of Egypt bore many false inscriptions and in the middle ages tampering with parchment was looked on as a form of harmless amusement. Erasmus said that among all his manuscripts there were few that he could absolutely rely upon.

Ancient and medieval forgeries were chiefly in connection with historical records but, in these days the question of forgery was very frequently raised, for we lived in a world of documents. There were birth, marriage and death certificates, wills, contracts, drafts, cheques, and debit notes and receipts etc., and therefore the question of the genuineness of such documents became one of importance.

The lecturer went on to detail the various methods employed to carry out forgeries and to show by what means they are detected. Forgery problems included spurious antique documents, forged signatures, anonymous letters, erasures, secret and invisible inks, examination of typewritten matter, problems of chemical composition, of ink and paper and many other things.

Mentioning instances where the writing instrument was the cause of detection the lecturer said that in a claim to a title a document dated 1719 was put in as evidence. Most of it was written with a quill and old ink, but an important interlineation was done with a steel pen and more modern ink.

Mr. Dovey dealt with writing instruments and materials that had been used for centuries, and the changes that had taken place and how the approximate ages of documents and inks could be found to assist in the detection of forgeries.

Dealing with handwriting, Mr. Dovey detailed the many things that the expert must look for in finding out whether a signature was genuine or not. These were general style, phraseology, formation of capitals method of holding the pen, deviation of down strokes, junction of letters, punctuation, the crossing of lines, and the crossing of lines. He then showed on the screen a large number of very instructive pictures illustrating his remarks. At the conclusion of Mr. Dovey's vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Dovey.

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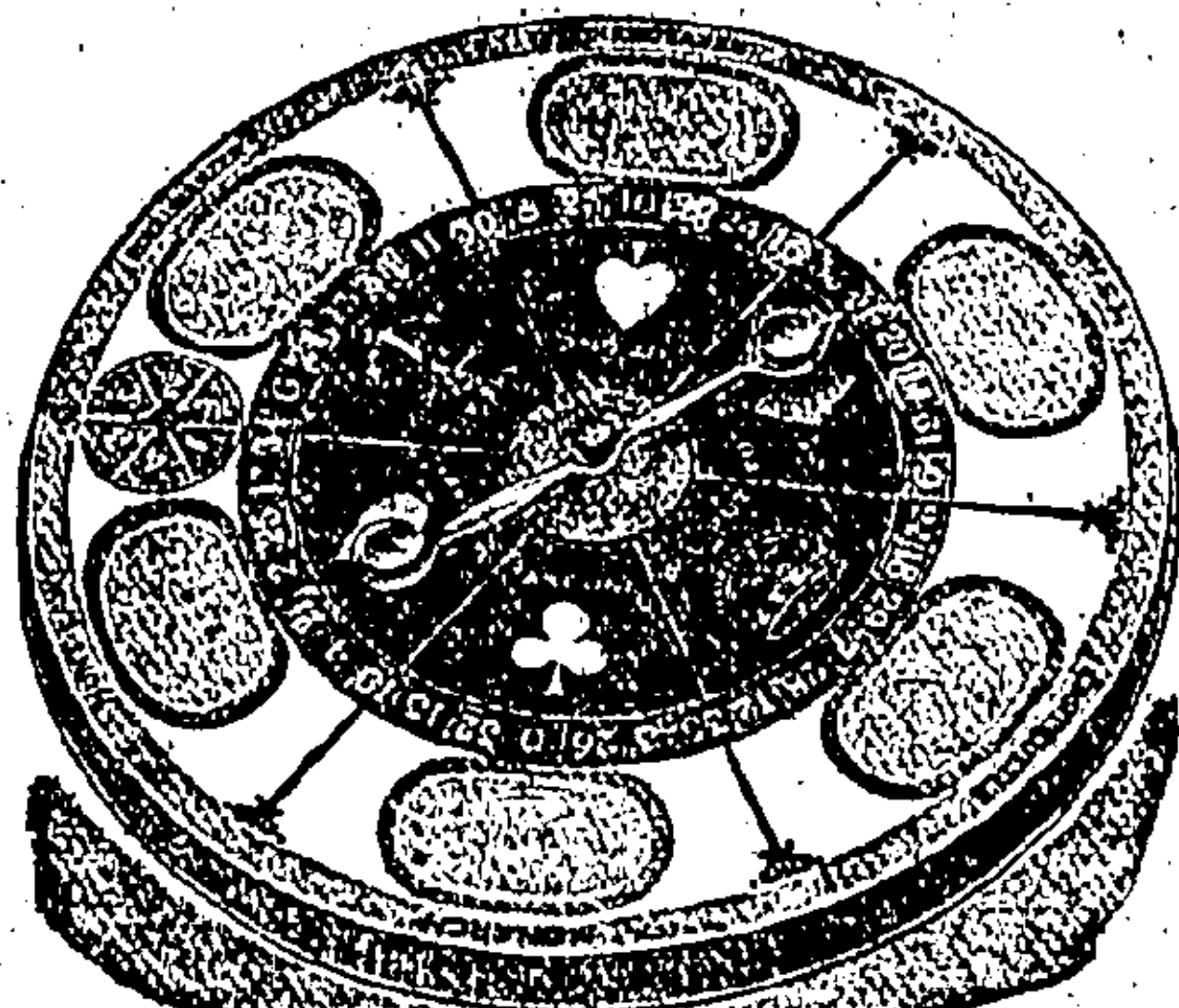
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WHO'S WHO.

CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Captain W. McDonald, of the "Liangchow," is on leave.
Captain R. H. A. Ashby, from reserve, has gone master, "Liangchow."
Mr. J. H. Hodgkins, second officer, "Shanai," has gone second officer, "Chinlun."
Mr. E. T. Williams, second officer, "Chinlun," has gone second officer, "Shanai."
Mr. J. Rees Evans, from leave, has gone third officer, "Sulsang."
Mr. F. E. Webster, acting second engineer, "Hapah," has gone third engineer, "Wangpu."
Mr. W. R. Raston, third engineer, "Wangpu," has gone second engineer, "Hapah."
Mr. J. Work, second engineer, "Punguen," is on reserve.
Mr. W. F. Henderson, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Fengtien."

Captain P. Jowitt, from reserve, has gone master, "Yuenang."
Mr. S. E. McKinley, second engineer, "Esang," has gone acting chief engineer, same ship.
Mr. D. B. Ritchie, chief engineer, "Esang," is on leave.
Mr. A. Jackson, acting chief engineer, "Loongwo," has gone second engineer, "Esang."
Mr. H. W. Mills, from leave, has gone acting chief engineer, "Loongwo."
Mr. C. A. Hille, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Tai Way Fung."
Mr. T. A. Nicholas, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Tai Way Fung."
Mr. J. Rees, from reserve, has gone third officer, "Halyang."
Mr. A. R. Searup, third officer, "Halyang," is on reserve.
Captain J. C. McKelvie, of the "Sanning," is on leave.
Captain W. F. O'Farrell, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Sanning."
Mr. C. S. Robb, chief officer, "Sanning," is on leave.
Mr. W. R. Lane, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Sanning."

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

WIRE NAILS ACTIVITY.

PURCHASES FOR JAPAN.

Interest in the Hongkong metals market has been confined to wire nails this week. Purchases are being made for shipment to Japan in quantities which although they would be deemed unimportant in boom days, are now considered satisfactory. Secrecy has been preserved in some cases but it is calculated that Chinese buying agents have purchased between 3,000 and 5,000 kegs of 330 assortment at prices ranging between \$10.65 and \$10.80 per keg, ex godown.

On the strength of this, dealers are booking orders on indent basis and it is believed that about 7,000 kegs were placed during the last few days. These were also 330 assortment and the prices are given as \$10.30 and \$10.35. Stocks are not big but holders would welcome further clearance before any fresh imports are added. It is also stated that most of the indent business has been secured by Chinese importers with foreign connections.

Clearances have not been particularly bright. Swatow and Shantung dealers are not buying at the moment and merchants are still chary about shipping large quantities to the West and North River ports. The East River is, of course, out of the question for the time being. Small shipments of Steel Plates have been made to Manila at \$6.35 per picul, ex godown, 3/16, 4 x 8.

JAVA SUGAR.

There is no change to report in the local sugar market. This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations were as follows:—

No. 24 rough white \$14.00 per picul ex godown, No. 24 fine white \$14.00, No. 18 rough brown \$13.85, Java brown \$12.80.

RICE MARKET.

Prices firmed up slightly on the report that arrivals in the next week would not bring large quantities. Usual shipments have been made to up-country ports, but difficulties are still in the way as levies have to be paid for safe-conduct for rice junks. This morning's quotations were:—

No. 1 Siam long white (superior) \$8.60 per picul, No. 1 Siam long white (ordinary) \$8.40, No. 1 Siam long white \$7.40.

FLOUR PRICES.

Chinese dealers are quoting as follows:—
"White Greens" \$2.92, "Malze" \$2.80, "Sperry's XXX" \$3.58, "Dayton" \$2.85, "Kwan Tao" \$2.80, "Molluse Fairy" \$2.82, "Reindeer" \$2.82, "Melon" \$2.80, per quarter sack of 50 lbs.

MANCHESTER OPINION.

Messrs. Morreau and Spiegelberg, report under date October 3:—

Cotton.—The advance has been maintained and further stimulated by the Ginning Report but the Publication of the Bureau Report last night giving a percentage of 49.5 caused a slump, and prices dropped 70 points. Egyptian cotton is very firm by little business is reported.

Yarns.—Spinners of both American and Egyptian report only a desultory demand, and inability to keep pace with any advance in futures.

Cloth.—Inquiry is somewhat more diversified, but manufacturers again complain of the poor prices offered. Actual demand is mostly confined to goods which can be delivered from stock, forward business being extremely restricted. There is more inquiry about for dhotees for India, and when light fabrics are concerned the difficulties are not as stupendous as in the case of heavier makes. China buying is feeble, and is mostly concerned with dyed sorts and fancies. Grey staples are neglected generally, and ordinary qualities of printing cloth command little attention. A fair enquiry of a miscellaneous character is reported for Java and Singapore. Levant offers are scarce, but rather more has been purchased in greys and whites for Egypt. Heavy makes have been taken for the home trade, but for South America there is only a limited demand. Now that the Bureau Report has been issued further buying is expected, but it is impossible to say yet what effect it will bear upon the market.

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EXPLORING TIBET.

DR. M'GOVERN'S ADVENTURES IN DISGUISE.

A HORRID AWAKENING.

Dr. Wm. Montgomery M'Govern, continuing in *The Scotsman* the story of his journey through Tibet, describes how on proceeding on his journey towards the village of Drikchu, he decided to adopt a compromise disguise. He dressed in Sikkimese costume and stained his hair.

After I had finished staining my hair, he says, I noticed that Satan continued to lie in his drunken stupor right under the blazing sun, so I had two of the other coolies pick him up and throw him into the tent, as otherwise he would probably have had sunstroke and thus have added to our troubles. I have never seen a man so oblivious of the world—so literally dead drunk. Dr. M'Govern passed the night of January 17th in a leaf-filled grotto. This resulted in a very unpleasant night surprise, says Dr. M'Govern. We woke up in the night, he says, to find our bodies covered with leeches, which were already half-gorged.

COVERED WITH LEECHES.

Unfortunately they attach themselves to the skin without causing the slightest pain—the pain of an open wound which refuses to heal comes later—so that all of us were drained of a good deal of blood before sufficient sensation had been caused to awaken us.

To attempt to pull leeches off only makes matters worse, so we resorted to only expedient known, and applied wet salt to the loathsome creatures, whereupon they immediately dropped off and shrivelled into apparent nothingness.

Dr. M'Govern later sent his servants into Lachen to buy supplies. Satan, there met an old friend, to whom, under the seal of secrecy, he confided who Dr. M'Govern was and the fact that he was bound for the Tibetan passes. Dr. M'Govern had a foreboding that Tibetan spies would become aware of his escapade and be on the outlook for him. He adds that his forebodings turned out to be correct.

SHORT SERMONS.

CLERGYMAN SUGGESTS FIVE MINUTES.

Short sermons were advocated by the Rev. E. G. Selwyn, of Havant, Hampshire, one of the speakers at the Church Congress.

"But," he added, "I think that a sermon must be about something. (Laughter.) I have been told that if you really know what you mean to say you can always say it in five minutes, as well as in twenty." (Laughter.)

The exigencies of the Sunday dinner, said the Rev. J. F. Briscoe, rector of Bagborough, near Taunton, required that the service should end as the church clock struck 12. An excellent Sunday morning service, he suggested, would be the Litany, followed by Holy Communion.

The Rev. G. Sampson, vicar of Ramsdale, near Basingstoke, said that a sermon could not be too simple. The late Samuel Wilberforce had likened preaching to emptying a bucket of water over a narrow-necked bottle—very little went in.

Mr. G. F. Emery one of the permanent secretaries of the Congress, said:

There is no reason why the clergy should not know how to read the seasons properly. ("Hear, hear.") It is the duty of the clergyman not to empty it (laughter). I have heard the exquisite language of the Bible murdered by bad reading. The bishops should make it their duty to impress upon the clergy the value of being able to use their voices.

The Archdeacon of Swindon dwelt on the necessity of Christians taking part in civic affairs. Good Government, he said, was a spiritual function. An old friend of his was right when he said, "I make the council my religion." The councillors were indeed God's ministers.

Hegrieded to hear people belittle local government. We were all called to cultivate a civic conscience.

The Rev. H. Montague Dale, vicar of Holy Trinity, Tulsa Hill, S.W., argued in favour of helping those who were engaged in public work. Christians, he said, should meet members of the parks committees and discuss with them the difficulties of controlling the behaviour of people in parks.

It should be made known to them, he added, that it is not with loving couples we wish to interfere, but with lustful individuals who are seeking the ruin of others.

It was announced that the Congress next year would be held at Oxford.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

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LONDON.

Feb. 6.—B. F. Monitor.
8.—P. & O. Kaituma.
10.—E. A. Adia.
11.—E. L. City of Canterbury.
12.—P. & O. Morca.
Mar. 7.—P. & O. Karmala.
11.—P. & O. Naldara.
12.—E. L. City of York.
Apr. 4.—P. & O. Khyber.
10.—E. A. Chilla.
12.—P. & O. City of Cairo.
May 2.—P. & O. Kalyan.
12.—P. & O. Kasmir.
30.—P. & O. Khlva.

HAVER.
Nov. 10.—E. L. City of Hankow.

LIVERPOOL.
Nov. 10.—B. F. Oania.
Dec. 1.—B. F. Kasmir.
12.—P. & O. Naldara.

GLASGOW.
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AMSTERDAM.
Nov. 10.—E. A. Chilla.
11.—J. C. J. L. Oostkerk.
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ROTTERDAM.
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BRUSSELS.
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ANTWERP.
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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after 7th November, 1923, will be subject to rent.

All Claims must reach us by 14th November, 1923, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas (Marine Surveyors) at 10 a.m. on 6th November, 1923.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 2nd November, 1923.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

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From NEW YORK

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2nd inst.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 28th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd inst. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 2nd November, 1923.

VOTING CONTEST.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

COLONY'S BEAUTY SPOTS.

What are Hongkong's ten prettiest beauty spots in the list given below? Name them in their order and win our \$50 prize.

Twenty different local beauty spots are named below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then cut the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item polling the most votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is Not to select the ten most popular items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most popular names from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy—which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competitors may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we name twenty local beauty spots. Select the ten you think the most popular.

1. ... Botanic Gardens
2. ... Bowen Road
3. ... Castle Peak
4. ... Deep Water Bay
5. ... Fanling
6. ... Flower Street
7. ... Jubilee Road
8. ... Happy Valley
9. ... King's Park
10. ... Lyceum
11. ... Mount Parker
12. ... Nathan Road
13. ... Repulse Bay
14. ... Shatin
15. ... Sookumpoo
16. ... Stanley
17. ... Statue Square
18. ... Stoncutters
19. ... The Peak
20. ... Tytam

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
China Mail, Hongkong, November 6, 1923.
Hongkong.

Sir,
I consider the following the ten prettiest local beauty spots placed in the order in which I think they are prettiest:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

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Name

Address

Signature

Date



The American Red Cross has adopted immediate means for rushing relief to stricken Japan. Mr. Knowlton Mixer, Chairman of the Manila chapter of the Red Cross, has been cabled to buy all available supplies in the Philippines, charter whatever vessels he needs and rush them at top speed to Yokohama and Tokio.



Dr. Louise Stanley, new Chief of the Bureau of Home Economics, in the Department of Agriculture, has arrived in Washington to take up her duties. She was formerly Dean of Home Economics in the University of Missouri.



It is officially confirmed that Max D. Karjassoff, champion miller at Yale in 1909, and his wife have been killed in the earthquake at Yokohama, where Mr. Karjassoff was American Consul. Their two children—William, 5, and David, 4, escaped. Shortly after being sent to Japan Mr. Karjassoff married Miss Alice Valentine, daughter of a missionary, he met there. Dr. J. Bentley Squire, world-famous New York surgeon, with his wife and two children, were last heard from in Tokio and may have perished. Dr. Squire is a member of the medical faculty in Columbia University. Commissioner and Mrs. William Eadie, of Chicago, in charge of Salvation Army Headquarters in Tokio, are still unheard from. Mrs. Rupert Hughes, wife of the novelist, has also not been accounted for. No word has been received from E. C. Babbitt, Assistant Commercial Attaché to the American Legation in Tokio, and his daughters, and fears are felt for their safety.



Mrs. Eliz. Deep, Mrs. Mary Gaglagnis and son

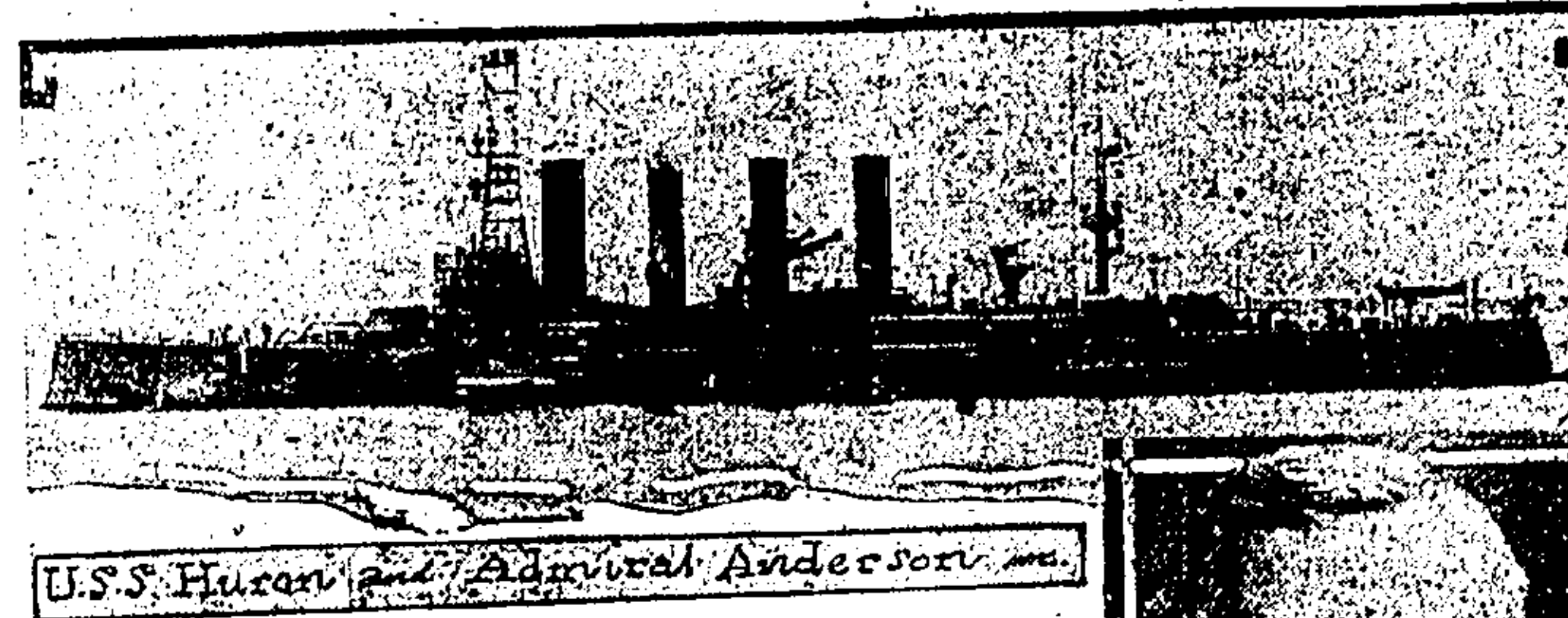
Mrs. Elizabeth Deep, was born December 23, 1894, and is not yet 29 years of age. Her daughter, Mrs. Mary Gaglagnis, is 16 and is the mother of a ten months old baby, George, born before his grandmother was quite 28 years old. It is believed Mrs. Deep is the youngest grandmother in the world.



George Eastman, multi-millionaire camera manufacturer, has left Vancouver, B. C., on the steamer "Princess Louise" for a trip into the North Country, where he will remain until the end of October. It required 27 horses to carry his hunting equipment into the famous Cassiar District of Northern British Columbia. He did not take guns and ammunition, but the finest camera lenses and equipment for "shooting" big game—with a kodak bulb.



Former Congressman C. Bascom Slamp, of Virginia, is shown at his desk in the Executive Offices of the White House, where he has taken up his duties as Secretary to President Calvin Coolidge.



Only a few days ago Admiral Anderson, U. S. N., commanded the American fleet in Asiatic waters, a fleet that was ready for fight. To-day Admiral Anderson, U. S. N., commands the greatest armada of peace ever assembled for the aid of humanity. Rushing at full speed to Japan in his flagship, the armored cruiser "Huron," accompanied by every available warship. Admiral Anderson received, by wireless, a blank cheque from the Navy Department which authorized him to buy food supplies wherever he could find them and in whatever amounts he might regard necessary, and to comb the Pacific world for things necessary for the Japanese to carry out through the stormy days ahead. Upon his shoulders was thrown the responsibility for the greatest programme of emergency relief ever undertaken. All Shipping Board vessels in nearby waters were ordered placed under his command for relief work.



Miss Gloria Gould, youngest daughter of the late George Jay and Mrs. George Jay Gould, and granddaughter of the late Jay Gould, is to be married on September 18 to Henry A. Bishop, Jr. Owing to the recent deaths of her parents the ceremony will be witnessed only by a few friends and relatives.



Angier B. Duke, 39, member of the world-famous family of tobacco manufacturers, was drowned when he fell from a small boat at a float off the Indian Harbour Yacht Club, Greenwich, Mr. Duke, who lost a hand in a hunting accident several years ago, was unable to swim and was drawn under the float, while preparing to take a party of friends to his yacht for a midnight supper. Mr. Duke was the heir to the \$50,000,000 estate of his father Benjamin J. Duke, and his uncle, James B. Duke.



A cablegram from Manila reports that semi-official circles in Japan declare Admiral Gombel Yamamoto, newly appointed Premier of Japan, is missing in the earthquake and fire in Tokio. He had previously been reported as having fled to Osaka, where the new capital of Japan has been established. He was in conference with his Cabinet in the Naval Club, Tokio, when the earthquake came and was reported to have been slightly injured. Another unconfirmed report at that time declared he had been assassinated but this was denied.



Owing to the fact that the large section of the city of Tokio was built of wood and paper the Japanese capital fell an easy victim to the flames that destroyed it after the fatal earthquake. In addition, the city had antiquated and inadequate fire-fighting apparatus. This picture, made during a disastrous fire in one of the steamship offices in the crowded business section only two months ago shows that the firemen could not even get a stream of water to the top of this small structure, and only one hose was in operation.



Here is the Isezki-Cho-Dori (Amusement Street), in Tokio, totally destroyed by earthquake and flames. This street boasted a vast number of electric lights.

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 SEND MY AUTO DRIVER UP HERE.
 AH! MR. JIGGS—YOU HAVE A BIG HEART. YOU WILL TAKE ME TO YOUR DAUGHTER.
 YES—SIR!
 JAMES—DRIVE THIS GUY DOWN TO THE DOCK!

